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Pentecost Sunday

22nd/23rd May 2021

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 1: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23
Next Week: The Most Holy Trinity: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20



Dear Friends

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. It is the culmination of what Jesus promised His Disciples before the Ascension. He is the Advocate, the one who will reverse the effects of Babel – the allegorical description of how different languages, cultures and the accompanying tensions came about.

On Pentecost Sunday, we sing the Veni Sancte Spiritus, ascribed to Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 13th Century (died 1228). Two verses in particular strike me as being very appropriate in our current situation as we move cautiously towards a further reopening of our Churches and of society in general:

*“Thou of all consolers best,
Thou the soul’s delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow.
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.”*

As we look back over the past year – perhaps the most unusual in living memory - we have an opportunity to see how God has been present, through the promptings of the Holy Spirit, even and especially in the darkest moments of the lockdown. We have witnessed wonderful examples of love in action on the part of our community – very often in quiet and understated ways which illustrate the realities of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness and gentleness. These are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which St Paul describes to the Galatians and they are in large part what makes for a good parish family. These gifts when practiced, create a harmony, and crucially I think they allow too for the positive development of each individual.

The ability to forgive is an important part of the Christian life and is a gift of the Holy Spirit. By virtue of our shared priesthood of the baptised we have the capacity, and the responsibility I suggest, to forgive and move forward. We can all reflect on certain areas in our lives – those good parts and others that have not been so successful perhaps. Whilst the faculty to absolve sins in the sacramental forum is reserved to those of us who have received priestly (and in some cases episcopal) ordination, the capacity to forgive for all of us, is I think, a mark of the spirit at work in us. As the lockdown is eased, hopefully there will be an easing of tension (although this is in no way to underestimate the very real anxiety and accompanying caution that many are facing). It’s a good time to begin again and to look forward with a founded hope whilst grounding ourselves in the present moment.

On Monday 24th May, we celebrate inter alia, the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. I think this is especially appropriate this year, immediately after Pentecost. We can begin afresh with Our Lady’s help and encouragement, guiding our feet on the roads to peace, joy as the Spirit leads us to the complete truth, which is life with Christ.

Let’s pray for each other.

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May 2018, the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to offer a Mass intention,
please call Florie on a Monday or
Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

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REMINDER: Please remember to leave the Church promptly at the end of Mass. You should not mix outside church and you are encouraged to go straight home after Mass, even though some restrictions have been lifted. The Indian Variant is very high in the Hounslow borough.

Gospel Motivation for Pentecost

John 15:26-27,16:12-15

"At Pentecost, Jesus left the disciples with the Holy Spirit to guide them and to bring them peace. The Holy Spirit is with us too today, even if we don't experience the same powerful winds from heaven (that is, unless you're in the UK this week) or tongues of flame upon our heads.

More importantly, the Spirit guides us in our own lives, helping us to find the particular paths and ways in life in which we will glorify God. When we make room for the spirit, we make room for joy and peace and open our eyes to the marvels of God. In short, as Paul writes to the Galatians, the Spirit is our life - when we are guided by the Spirit is when we find fulfilment.

My parish priest spoke yesterday about the nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost being the church's first novena. A period of waiting where we pray for guidance and the gifts that Jesus wants us to have. This week, as we approach Pentecost, I encourage you to think and pray about the service that you are called to in your life. Don't only think about what the world tells you, you ought to do - listen to the Spirit, for we were specially sent the Spirit, and it is with the Spirit we will find peace."

Bidding Prayers for the week:

Moved by the Holy Spirit, let us make our prayers and petitions known:

That the Holy Spirit, who makes present the mystery of Christ, will reconcile all people and bring them into communion with God and his Church.

For each one of us: may we grow in holiness and bear abundantly the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that the conflict between the Palestinians and Israelis will swiftly come to an end before more people, including innocent children, are killed. May those in positions of power make compassionate decisions to prevent the killing of many more innocents.

For the nation of India: that in the face of rampant pandemic and violent storm, it will find encouragement in the generous support of other peoples and nations.

For people who are sick and feel they are a burden, for all who are in hospital and residential care, for those suffering with Covid-19, and for all those who love and care for them.

For all the faithful departed: that they may find rest for their souls and be led rejoicing through the gates of paradise.

God our Father, you hear the cries of your people: grant us all that we ask in faith, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

RE-COMMISSIONING OF READERS...

will take place during the Masses on **SATURDAY 29TH MAY at 5.00pm and SUNDAY 30TH MAY at 9.00am and 11.00am on the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity**. There will be a reflection for Readers by Zoom on **Wednesday 9th June 7.30pm**. For further information please contact Fr John Louis johnlabor@rcdow.org.uk

RE-COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS...

will take place during the Masses on **SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 5.00pm and SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 9.00am and 11.00am on the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)**. There will be a reflection for Eucharistic Ministers by Zoom on Wednesday 16th June at 7.30pm.

HOLY HOUR

In preparation for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 6th June, there will be Holy Hour on **Saturday 5th June from 10am-11am**.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Amanda Driscoll, Halcyon Suzette Worrell and Joseph Steer** and all those who have passed away recently. Please also keep in your prayers their families and friends who mourn them.

Amanda Driscoll RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Wednesday, 26th May at 11.15am**

Halcyon Suzette Worrell RIP – Her Requiem Mass will take place here on **Friday 4th June at 11.00am**.

Please note that although the restriction has been lifted, we can only allow the maximum capacity that is acceptable with social distancing in Church. Mourners take precedence.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 22	11am 5pm	Anthony Mascarenhas RIP Lancelot Fernandes RIP
Sun 23	9am 9am 11am 11am	Sr Mary O'Malley (Intentions) [C] People of the Parish [PC] David Crawley RIP (2 nd Anniversary) [C] Pauline Badejo RIP [PC]
Mon 24	11am	Ana Gracia Angelica D'Souza RIP (Month's Mind)
Tues 25	11am	Francis Xavier & Joaquina Ribeiro RIP
Wed 26	11.15am	REQUIEM MASS – AMANDA DRISCOLL RIP
Thurs 27	11am	Francis Kayaplackal RIP
Fri 28	11am	Sr Nora Gorman (Intentions)
Sat 29	11am 5pm	Daphne D'Mello RIP Ani Joby in Thanksgiving
Sun 30	9am 9am 11am 11am	Sr Nora Gorman's Intentions [C] People of the Parish [PC] Roberto Ordon RIP [C] People of the Parish [PC]
Sanctuary Lamp: Daphne D'Mello RIP		

Dear Friends

Our parishioner's response to our appeal to help with our parish funds by paying through standing order, cash or cheque has been tremendous – **THANK YOU!** For those who would like to take advantage of the standing order facility we have in place, our parish bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Feltham

Sort code: **40-05-20** – Account No: **71095528**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

FR. JOHN AND FR. JOHN LOUIS

MASSES TIMES

- Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass for Sunday in Church only.
- Sunday 9am and 11am Church and the Parish Centre (Mass outdoors in nice weather)
- On Saturdays there will be Confession at 10.30am with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and on request.
- Weekday Masses Monday to Saturday will be celebrated in church at 11.00am with limited numbers

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore you.
Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me.

Tell me what I should do, give me your orders.

I promise to submit myself to

all that you desire of me and

to accept all that you permit to happen to me.

Let me only know your will.



Pope Francis prays for China invoking Mary Help of Christians

Pope Francis on Wednesday asked Our Lady Help of Christians to intercede for Chinese Catholics, whom he said continue to believe and hope amid trials.

"Dear faithful in China, our Heavenly Mother will help you all to be witnesses of charity and fraternity, keeping you always united in the communion of the universal Church."

